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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, SP
SUBJ: REVIEW OF US-SPANISH MILITARY COOPERATION

1. WHEN I SAW YOU ON YOUR WAY THROUGH HERE LAST WEEK I MENTIONED TO YOU SOME OF MY CONCERNS OVER THE INCREASINGLY "STRICT CONSTRUCTIONIST" ATTITUDE OF THE GOS ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT OUR MILITARY WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE HERE TO GAIN GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF THE USE OF OUR FACILITIES IN SPAIN. MADRID'S 6055 GIVES A RATHER LONG ACCOUNT OF MY TALK WITH OREJA IN SAN SEBASTIAN IN WHICH MY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.

2. I THINK THAT WITH GENERAL BROWN'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SPAIN DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AND THE POSSIBLE COUNCIL MEETING TOWARD THE END OF SEPTEMBER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO COME HOME IN THE FIRST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER FOR DISCUSSIONS BOTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE INCLUDING JCS, TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AS TO WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

3. OBVIOUSLY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS NERVOUS ABOUT
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FORTHCOMING FOREIGN POLICY DEBATES INVOLVING BOTH NATO AND OUR FACILITIES AND THUS WANT TO KEEP EVERYTHING AS LOW A KEY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING A MORE QUOTE GENEROUS UNQUOTE ATTITUDE FROM US ON POLITICAL AS OPPOSED TO TREATY GROUNDS. I UNDERSTAND THE LEGITIMATE FRUSTRATION BY OUR MILITARY BUT I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF

JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SPAIN TODAY AS THE GOVERNMENT
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A GREAT MANY YEARS HAS A LEGISLATURE
AND A OPPOSITION STARING OVER ITS SHOULDER.STABLER

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